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REMARKS

Claims 33, 36-45 are pending in this application. Claims 33, 36-45 are rejected as follows: claims 33 and 42 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 6, and 8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,701,314 ("the '314 patent"); claims 33 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement; claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite; claims 33, 36-40 and 42-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,182,066 to Marques ("Marques") in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,151,624 to Teare et al. ("Teare"); claim 41 is rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over Marques and Teare as applied to claim 33 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,301,579 B1 to Becker ("Becker").

Claims 33 and 42 have been amended to incorporate recommendations offered by the Office in the form of an Examiner proposal. No new matter has been added. In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, the undersigned respectfully traverses these rejections as set forth below.

**Rejection of Claims 33 and 42 – Non-Statutory Double Patenting over Claims 1, 6 and 8 of
US Patent No. 6,701,314**

In view of the present amendments, the undersigned representative believes that a terminal disclaimer is not required. Accordingly, the undersigned representative kindly requests that the rejection of claims 33 and 42 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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Rejection of Claims 33 and 42 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 33 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 33 and 42 have been amended to incorporate recommendations from the Office. The claims as currently amended find adequate support throughout the specification evidencing the inventors possession of the invention at the time of filing. Accordingly, and in light of these amendments, the undersigned respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 33 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 33 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 33 has been amended to incorporate recommendations from the Office. Accordingly, and in light of these amendments, the undersigned respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 33, 36-40 and 42-45 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 33, 34, 36-40 and 42-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,182,066 to Marques ("Marques") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,151,624 to Teare et al. ("Teare"). Independent claims 33 and 42 have been amended to incorporate recommendations from the Office. In view of the amendments to the claims, the undersigned submits that the claims are allowable over the cited art. Accordingly, the undersigned representative kindly requests the rejection of claims 33 and 42 as well as all claims depending therefrom, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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Rejection of Claim 41 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 41 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Marques and Teare as applied to claim 33 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,301,579 B1 to Becker ("Becker"). For at least the reasons set forth in the preceding section, the undersigned representative request the rejection of claim 41 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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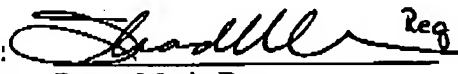
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CONCLUSION

The undersigned believes that the pending claims are allowable over the cited prior art and respectfully requests a notice of allowance to this effect. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below. In addition, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 501458.

Respectfully submitted,

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